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- 1. UKDEL ISSUED REFDOC C 10/31 ENTERING THEIR RESERVE ON REFCASE A WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS. "THE UK AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE IS NO CONTROL OF THE ENDUSE IN THE CASE, EITHER AT THE LEVEL OF THE MATERIAL OR THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION. THE ODRA MACHINES TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE COULD WELL BE USED IN THE MILITARY FIELD. THE END-USER IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING THE RYAD 1030, WHICH THE UK AUTHORITIES BELIEVE MIGHT BE USED FOR COMMAND CONTROL AND MILITARY APPLICATIONS.
- 2." THE UK DELEGATION MUST THEREFORE MAINTAIN ITS RESERVE UNTIL SOME EVIDENCE IS PRODUCED TO INDICATE THAT THE END-USER WILL BE NON-STRATEGIC.
- 3. "FURTHERMORE, THE UK AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THERE IS A DESCREPANCY IN THE POSITION ADOPTED BY THE US IN ROUND III ON THE ONE HAND AND IN THIS CASE ON THE OTHER. THE US HAVE IN THE PAST OBJECTED TO EXPORTS OF INTEGRATED CONFIDENTIAL

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CIRCUITS FROM OTHER COCOM MEMBERS LESS SOPHISTICATED THAN

THOSE IN THIS CASE. THE UK AUTHORITIES ARE THEREFORE LED TO BELIEVE THAT THE US HAVE MADE AN ABOUT TURN IN ATTITUDE. THE UK AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THAT THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO INFORM THE COMMITTEE OF SUCH A CHANGE OF POLICY IS BY A SEPARATE MEMORANDUM AND NOT BY SUBMITTING A CASE FOR THE INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, SIMILAR TYPES OF WHICH THE US HAVE OBJECTED TO PREVIOUSLY."

COMMENT: THE APPARENT INCONSISTENCY IN US TREATMENT OF IC EXCEPTION REQUESTS HAS LONG BEEN A SORE POINT WITH OTHER COCOM MEMBERS. US DETERMINATIONS SOLELY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS HAS LED TO BOTH CONFUSION AND IRRITATION ON THE PART OF OTHER PC'S WHO ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT WITH LENGTHY UNEXPLAINED US RESERVES ON THEIR OWN IC CASE SUBMISSIONS. THESE FEELINGS ARE PARTICULAR-' LY EXACERBATED EACH TIME THE US ITSELF SUBMITS A SEN-SITIVE IC EXCEPTION REQUEST. AS UNDERSCORED IN REFTEL D OTHER COCOM MEMBERS WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE ANY SUCH TREATMENT BUT RATHER WILL RESPOND WITH SUBSTANTIVE RESERVES OF THEIR OWN ON US PROPOSALS. A CLEAR STATE-MENT IN COCOM OF US POLICY REGARDING APPROVAL OF IC CASES AND THE CIRCULATION TO OTHER MEMBERS OF WHATEVER OBJECTIVE CRITERIA ARE USEIN THE US DETERMINA-TION OF IC REQUESTS WOULD SERVE TO EASE COCOM TENSIONS REGARDING IC'S, PROVIDE EACH MEMBER WITH AN UNDERSTAND-ING OF US VIEWS WHICH COULD HELP THEM SCREEN THEIR OWN COCOM SUBMISSION REQUESTS, AND SPEED UP CONSIDERATION OF SUCH CASES.

5.ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO UK CONCERNS AND A STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO COCOM REGARDING US POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPORT OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS TO COCOM EMBARGOED COUNTRIES.

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